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SUBJ: CENTURY BUILDING SYSTEMS INTEREST IN LOW COST HOUSING
VENTURE IN DAHOMEY

REF: COTONOU'S T-1433

1. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND INVESTMENT DISCUSSED
CENTURY HOUSING EFFORT WITH ROBERT H. MASON, GENERAL MANAGER. AS
YET, LETTER FRM MR. BA ADAM NOT RECEIVED BUT SUBSTANCE OF EMBASSY
INFORMATION RE MRGD INTEREST GIVEN HIM.

2. COMPANY IS SMALL FIRM ESTABLISHED 1969 WHICH HAS DEVELOPED
HOUSING SYSTEM USING FIBERGLASS AND URETHANE FOAM IN SANDWICH
PANELS. CLAIMS TO PRODUCE MODEST PRICED, ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE
DWELLINGS.

3. MASON RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES; HAS WRITTEN
MOST U.S. EMBASSY AND IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING LARGE VOLUME OF RE-
PLIES. PLANNING A VISIT TO UK AT THE END OF OCTOBER AND WILL
CONSIDER TRAVEL TO DAHOMEY AT THAT TIME. INDICATES HE IS PLANNING
TO WRITE PRESIDENT KEREKOU REGARDING COMPANY AND ITS HOUSING
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